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Senior health policy analysts must be able to frame policy questions and develop research plans with minimal supervision. They must be willing to work independently or as part of a team, taking or giving direction as needed by a particular project. Specific qualifications include:

Analytical skills

- ability to analyze Medicare policies, identify issues of relevance to the Congress, develop policy options and evaluate their implications
- resourcefulness to investigate complex issues and synthesize quantitative and qualitative information
- familiarity and comfort with statistics, econometrics, or microsimulation models
- ability to research varied topics as needed by the Commission

Writing and communications skills

- ability to produce high-quality written work on time
- strong speaking skills to present research at MedPAC's public meetings and to communicate with both technical and nontechnical audiences

Education and experience

- a graduate degree in economics, health services research, public policy, public health, or health administration
- at least five years of post-graduate experience with federal or state government, a policy research organization or trade association, or a health care provider

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